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To: Easterling, Deborah; Duke, Daphne
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Subject: Westinghouse
Reply-To: Sandra keeper <[s](#)

Dear Jocelyn,
 I would appreciate you posting my letter below,
 I feel very strongly that the Public Service Commission
 Should see this. It is related to the SCANA dockets because
 the use of the Patches in the rod holes at the VC Summer site were
 part of the excuse for rate increases. it is a Westinghouse construction
 company rewording in order to pass the costs on to ratepayers instead
 of them paying for the errors they made.
 Please read and determine if you can post it.
 Sandra Wright

Dear Mr. Elam,
 I feel that this mess at Westinghouse ties into the rate increases that
 SCANA claimed were needed when the
 errors of the rod holes in the base of the reactors were made back in
 2014. I feel this "leak" at Bluff Road is the result of the same kind of patch
 work from Westinghouse, and as an intervenor, I questioned the SCANA
 executives with no real answers. But those costs should never have been
 placed on the ratepayers.

Westinghouse Electric Co. needs to be investigated

Reading the articles about the radioactive
 leak going on at this moment in Columbia off
 Bluff Road, we all need to be angry! Because it
 will eventually touch all of us.

An illustration of the plant showed the way the leak occurred under the base through holes drilled in the base.

Let us remember back to the construction at the new VC Summer nuclear reactor site when there were construction “errors” with the concrete floor of the reactor being built.

I was an intervenor just after this and actually asked questions about those errors at the VC Summer site. I received evasive responses and assurance that the “patches” were “standard”.

At the time the “errors” were made, the company had completed the concrete base of the new nuclear reactors. The next step was to have holes drilled a certain distance down in the concrete base for the reactor rods to be placed in with a gracious amount of concrete (for radioactive insulation) left below the holes. But the problem came when workers, who either had poor plans or had miss-read them, had actually drilled the rod holes completely through to the earth below.

This “error” was “corrected”, not by completely redoing the base, but simply “patching” the problem by filling the holes to the desired depth and continuing from there. One must remember that a patch is a patch and will eventually need repair. But these repairs are in an inaccessible location after they are finished! Repairs later are impossible!

This, then, begs the thought...is this what had happened at the Westinghouse plant off Bluff

Road? Is this “radioactive leak” the result of “Patched” construction just like what was and is in the ground at VC Summer? Would those patches at VC Summer have resulted in the same questions being asked about the ground water and uranium contamination had the VC Summer reactors gone to completion?

How many of the people doing the testing and reporting about the radioactive contamination off Bluff Road actually live in the area? How many actually have to drink the water?

Again, remember that this is the same exact company, Westinghouse Electric Co., who constructed BOTH of these dangerous messes, the plant off Bluff Road and the VC Summer new nuclear reactors.

The NRC, SCDHEC, and those in our government need to begin an intensive investigation of Westinghouse and their practices, at the VC Summer location AND the Bluff Road location. I believe at least these two sites are suspect and a thorough and complete investigation, using totally outside investigators, needs to be done.

Now, I am wondering if any of the China reactors were “corrected” in the same manner, and are we going to hear in 10, 15, 20 years that there are radioactive leaks there, too? (Although, not one of those has yet been finished. Only one is on the grid, but not commercially because of testing.)

An investigation in every aspect of the construction of both sites from beginning to end in SC should be done. And don't let SCANA give any of the information. The contractors need to be questioned. The workers on the site should be interviewed.

The only way to actually get this problem corrected is to dig up the site and contain all the parts! It will be expensive now, but it would have been less expensive if it had been done at the time of the "error". Westinghouse, the contractor, should have to pay for all of the clean up.

This is contamination of our soil and water.. we have to stop it..and eliminate it now before it gets any worse and more cancer is caused by it. South Carolina does not need to be called "the radioactive cancer state".

Sandra Wright

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